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RETROREFLECTIVE CUBE CORNER SHEETING MOLD AND

METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

And

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Introduction

The present application was filed January 17, 2001, with 9 claims (1-4 in the application and 5-9 by preliminary amendment). In paper number 3, dated 09/16/2002, the claims were subjected to a three-way election of species requirement as follows:

- (1)—a species wherein a row of rectangular cube corner elements is formed on a working 04/15/2003 AJOHNSO1 00000002 133723 09764477 surface of each of the laminae (claims 1-4);
 - (2)-a species wherein at least one microcube of an array of microcubes is rectangular and being canted face-more-parallel (claims 5-6 and 8-9); and
 - (3)— a species wherein at least one microcube of an array of microcubes is rectangular and has at least one pentagonal face (claim 7).

The Office Action set a shortened period of response of 1 month, which period ended on October 16, 2002.

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